

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ANIMAL FEEDINGSTUFFS**

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**Information Paper**

**EU DEVELOPMENTS**

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## EU DEVELOPMENTS

1. This paper outlines the main developments in relation to EU legislation and related matters since the ACAF meeting held on 15 December 2010.

### Official feed and food controls - Regulation (EC) No 882/2004

2. Implementing rules for import controls for 'high-risk' feed and food of non-animal origin – An amended Annex I list to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009, received a favourable opinion by the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCoFCAH) at its meeting on 12 January 2011 and it is expected to enter into force on 1 April 2011.

### European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)

3. Opinions that have been published by the EFSA Scientific Panels on Additives and Products or Substances Used in Animal Feed (FEEDAP) and Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM) since the Committee was updated in December 2010 can be accessed via the following links:

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/panels/feedap.htm>

<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/panels/contam.htm>

4. Of particular note is a statement from FEEDAP on the assessment of the safety and efficacy of feed additives used in water. The Panel was of the view that no separate assessments of safety and efficacy are required where these have already been performed for equivalent uses of an additive when used 'in feed'.
5. For the CONTAM Panel there was an Opinion published on the abiotic risks for the use of glycerol (glycerine) derived from biofuel production when used in animal feed. CONTAM identified residual methanol and salt as the main areas of concern, but were of the view that the low levels of these residues did not represent a significant risk to either livestock or consumers.
6. Please note that some Opinions published by the CONTAM Panel do not apply specifically to animal feed.

## Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCoFCAH): Animal Nutrition Section

### Undesirable substances

7. At the December 2010 meeting of the Animal Nutrition Section of SCoFCAH Member States voted in favour of a new Commission Regulation that consolidates the current controls on undesirable substances in feed and sets new limits for melamine and *Ambrosia* species. The latter was included in order to control the spread of these weed species that provoke allergic reactions in a significant sector of the population. For existing controls the Regulation will apply from 1 July 2011; the new controls for *Ambrosia* species will apply from 1 January 2012.
8. Work is continuing on a revision of the controls for dioxins and dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) based on the 2005 World Health Organisation toxic equivalent factors, and on new controls for non-dioxin-like PCBs in feed (based on six indicator PCBs).

### Feed Additives

9. There were seven votes in total in favour of the authorisation of feed additives at the November and December 2010 meetings. These are summarised in the table below.

### Commission Proposals that received a qualified majority vote in November and December 2010

Additive	Additive type	Proposal number	Authorisation type
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> ATCC PTA-6737	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/12758/2010	revised compatibility with coccidiostats
<i>Pediococcus acidilactici</i> CNCM MA 18/5M	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/12759/2010	for laying hens
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i> C-3102 (DSM 15544)	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/12760/2010	for poultry and minor avian species
Clinacox 0.5% (Diclazuril)	coccidiostat	SANCO/12761/2010	for guinea fowl
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> MUCL 39885	gut flora stabiliser	SANCO/12762/2010	for weaned piglets
6-phytase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> DSM 14223	digestibility enhancer	SANCO/12763/2010	for poultry and pigs
Vitamin E	vitamin	SANCO/12636/2010	reauthorisation for all species

10. Twelve applications made under Article 8 of Regulation 767/2009 for 'PARNUT' products containing high levels of feed additives are to be assessed by Member States with a view to authorisation under Directive 2008/38/EC. These products are currently undergoing assessment by rapporteur Member States.

Marketing and use of feed

11. At the November 2010 meeting Member States voted in favour of a Commission proposal for a Regulation (SANCO/12581/2010) that provided the first revision to the European Union Catalogue of Feed Materials. At the same meeting a Commission Recommendation establishing guidelines for the distinction between feed materials, feed additives, biocidal products and veterinary medicinal products, was agreed.

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